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SUBJECT: SECVISIT- CURACAO

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1. CONGEN CURACAO REQUESTS ADVICE ON ADVANCE PRESS RELEASE RELATED TO SECRETARY' S VISIT CURACAO. CONGEN BEING ASKED BY LOCAL PRESS FOR INFO ON VISIT AND WOULD LIKE TO ISSUE BRIEF STATEMENT INDICATING SECRETARY AND PARTY STOPOVER CURACAO IS FOR REST PURPOSES ONLY, SIMILAR TO REST STOP AT ARUBA IN 1969.

2. CONGEN IN ADDITION REQUESTS GUIDANCE ON HANDLING NEWSMEN AND PHOTOGRAPHERS AT AIRPORT ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE.
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ANTILLEAN PRESS LARGELY PRO- US AND WOULD APPRECIATE OPPORTUNITY GET PHOTOS AND BRIEF ARRIVAL STATEMENT FROM SECRETARY IF POSSIBLE.

3. RESPONSE TO PARAS 1 AND 2 ABOVE CAN BE MADE DIRECTLY TO CURACAO, INFO DEPARTMENT, IF UNCLASSIFIED, TO DEPARTMENT ONLY OTHERWISE.

4. BIO SUMMARIES OF GONA PRIME MINISTER ISA AND GOVERNOR

OF CURACAO KIBBELAAR (VICE GOVERNOR OF NETHERLANDS ANTILLES B. M. LEITO MENTIONED STATE 092002), WHOM SECRETARY WILL MEET AT AIRPORT ARRIVAL, FOLLOW:

RAMEZ JORGE ISA, PRIME MINISTER OF NETHERLANDS ANTILLES, PHONETIC: EE- SAH, ADDRESSED AS: MR. ISA, 55, LAWYER/ POLITICIAN, LEADER OF LARGEST POLITICAL PARTY (DEMOCRATIC PARTY) IN NETHERLANDS ANTILLES, SERVED AS PM DECEMBER 1970- MAY 1971 AND AGAIN FROM NOVEMBER 1972 TO PRESENT. BORN IN CURACAO OF SYRIAN PARENTS, ISA HAS REPUTATION AS " STRICT LAW AND ORDER MAN", MARRIED, SPEAKS ENGLISH. SECRETARY HAS NOT MET BEFORE.

ANNO ELIGIO KIBBELAAR, PHONETIC: KEEB- LAR, LT. GOVERNOR OF CURACAO SINCE 1970, 43, NEGRO, CAREER POLICE OFFICIAL, EXTENSIVE POLITICAL CONNECTIONS, BORN IN CURACAO, PERSONAL ADVISOR TO PRIME MINISTER IN 1969, SPEAKS ENGLISH. SECRETARY HAS NOT MET BEFORE. RUSH

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